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1. I DISCUSSED POINTS PARA 2 REFTTEL WITH FORNMIN THIS AFTERNOON. WITH REGARD TO NOT PLACATING CASTRO AT EXPENSE OF OAS, TGEVANO SAID HE DEFINITELY AGREED. HE SAID THAT IN FACT HE HAD ASKED THAT THE RESOLUTION INCORPORATE THE WORDING OF THE FINAL SENTENCES OF THE PENULTIMATE PARA OF THE COSTA RICAN-COLOMBIAN COMMUNIQUE WHICH SPECIFIED THE NEED TO PROSCRIBE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES, (BOGOTA 7719). THE MIN SAID THAT THERE WERE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE HEMISPHERE IN WHICH CUBA WAS FINANCING GUERRILLAS, MEXICO AND COLOMBIA. THEREFORE, THE WORDING AND THE DEBATE HAD TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THIS WAS NOT TOLERABLE CONDUCT.

2. WITH REGARD TO THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION, LIEVANO SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT IF THE MINS MEET DECISIONS CAN BE TAKEN WITH A MAJORITY VOTE, WHEREAS THE COUNCIL HAD TO ACT WITH A TWO THIRDS VOTE. I SAID THAT THAT WAS NOT AT ALL MY UNDERSTANDING; THAT RATHER THE VOTING WAS DETERMINED BY THE NATURE OF THE QUESTION AND NOT THE NATURE OF THE ORGANISM. IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WHETHER THE MINS MEET AS THE ORGAN OR THE COUNCIL MEETS AS THE PROVISIONAL ORGAN, A TWO THIRDS VOTE WOULD BE REQUIRED IN EITHER

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CASE. (I WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT CONFIRMATION ON THIS POINT.)

THE MIN THEN SAID THAT THIS WAS SUCH AN IMPORTANT DECISION THAT THE MINS HAD TO TAKE IT. HE ADDED THAT FORN MINS WERE GOING TO ATTEND IN ANY CASE, BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND IN THE FINAL MEETING. I SAID THAT NATURALLY THE FORNMIN COULD ATTEND AND NATURALLY MANY WOULD WANT TO, BUT THAT IT WOULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE IF AN MFM WERE FORMALLY CONVOKED OR IF THE PROVISIONAL ORGAN WAS CONVOKED TO WHICH MINS MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT GO AS THEY WISHED. I STRESSED THE DIFFICULTIES OF ALL MINS BEING ABLE TO COME IF AN MFM WERE CONVOKED, AND THE MUCH GREATER RISK OF DIVISIVENESS AND BITTER FEELING. IT MIGHT I SUGGESTED BE ACTUALLY EASIER AND MORE EXPEDITIOUS TO CONVOKE THE PROVISIONAL ORGAN, AND THAT TO TRY TO CONVOKE A FULL MFM MIGHT DELAY MATTERS.

3. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION ON THIS POINT, THE MINISTER SAID HE THOUGHT THE MATTER OUGHT TO BE DECIDED IN WASHINGTON WHEN THE JOINT RESOLUTION WAS DISCUSSED (MEANING I TAKE IT THAT HE DOES NOT WANT TO CHANGE THE WORDING OF THE RESOLUTION) AND THAT HE WOULD NOT "DO BATTLE" OVER THE POINT. WHETHER THE ORGAN MET OR THE PROVISIONAL ORGAN MET AND WHEREVER THE SITE, MINISTERS WILL ATTEND AND OUGHT TO. BUT THE PRECISE NATURE OF THE ORGANISM COULD BE WORKED OUT. I SAID I PRESENTED OUR VIEWS SIMPLY FOR HIS CONSIDERATION AND STUDY DURING THIS PREPARATORY PERIOD.

4. THE MINISTER SAID THEN THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO MOVE ALONG EXPEDITIOUSLY. OTHERWISE A MAJORITY AND EVEN TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS WOULD ACT UNILATERALLY, AND ACT VERY SOON IF NO ALTERNATIVE WERE PROVIDED. THIS WOULD GIVE A "ROMAN VICTORY" TO CASTRO WHO DOES NOT WANT AN OAS DECISION OR ACTION, BUT UNILATERAL DECISIONS IMPLYING THE DEATH KNEEL OF THE OAS. COLOMBIA WANTS TO PROTECT THE OAS PRESTIGE AND COUNTER CASTRO'S TACTIC. I SAID WE COULD NOT AGREE MORE WITH THE GOAL OF DEFENDING THE PRESTIGE AND POWER OF THE SYSTEM. I DID NOT PRESS THE TIMING POINT WITH LIEVANO AFTER OUR LONG GIVE AND TAKE ON THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION. HE SAID THE FINAL MEETING TO DECIDE OUGHT TO TAKE PLACE "ABOUT A MONTH" AFTER THE RESOLUTION IS APPROVED. I SAID ONLY THAT WE STRONGLY FELT ENOUGH TIME SHOULD BE ALLOWED FOR MEMBERS TO CONSIDER THE ISSUES THOROUGHLY RECOGNIZING THAT WE ALSO DO NOT WANT TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION OF FOOTDRAGGING.

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5. LIEVANO IS LEAVING SEPT 8 FOR BUENOS AIRES WHERE BOLIVARIAN AND SAN MARTIANO FONMINS ARE MEETING TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR THE CHIEFS OF STATE MEETING IN PERU IN DECEMBER AND THE VENEZUELAN INVITATION FOR ALL LA CHIEFS OF STATE TO MEET EARLY NEXT YEAR. HE RETURNS TO BOGOTA IN ABOUT 4 DAYS, AND PLANS TO LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON ABOUT SEPT 16 OR 17. HE SAID HE EXPECTS

THE COUNCIL TO MEET THE 19TH OR 20TH, SINCE MOST FONMINS WILL
WISH TO GO TO NEW YORK FOR PRES FORD'S ADDRESS SEPT 18.
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